THE ACTIVE TESTIMONY OF THE True PRESBYTERIANS of SCOTLAND, being a brief Abstract of Acknowledgment of Sins, and Engagement to Duties, &c.

AS ALSO,

A First and Second DECLARATION of WAR against all the Enemies of CHRIST at Home and Abroad.

A Fourth, Containing a *Declaration* and *Testimony* against the Late unjust Invasion of *Scotland* by CHARLES pretended Prince of *Wales*, and WILLIAM pretended Duke of *Cumberland* and their Malignant *Emissaries*.

And Five valuale Papers besides, all being the Second blast of the *Trumpet*.

Lam. iii. 40. *Let us search and try our Ways, and turn again to the* LORD.

Prov. xviii. 10. *The Name of the* LORD *is a strong Tower.*

Jer. l. 14. *Put your selves in Array against* Babylon *round about.*

Rev. xviii. 6. *Reward her as she hath rewarded you.*

Prov. xxviii. 15. *As a roaring Lion and a raging Bear, so is a wicked Ruler over the People.*

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The PREFACE.

THESE late Times have produced many great and ſenſible Changes in many, both Matters and Perſons, and greater are to be expected, theſe extraordinary Commotions, whereby not our Kingdom alone, but moſt of the Neighbouring Nations, are, at this very Hour, ſo terribly ſhaken, we truſt they ſhall prove Preparations for a glorious Work. Doubtleſs e'er long, the Scene of the World muſt be changed, the Man of Sin, and Shame (with all his Limbs) muſt be beaten from the Stage, which he hath long poſſeſſed; Iſrael *and* Judah *with the Fulneſs of the Gentiles muſt be brought in, that both may mourn after* CHRIST *the common* Saviour. *The ſhakings of the Heavens and the Earth are the* LORD'S *Prologues, that the deſire of all Nations ſhall come, and recover his own Rights, and plead his own Cauſe, and take the Prey from the Mighty, and deliver his Captives from the Hands of their Oppreſors: His antecedent Acts which muſt be fulfilled with ſuch joyful Concluſſions, where we are moſt likely to be ſplit upon the Rocks of deſperate Dangers: Then ſhould we caſt up within the Vail the holy Anchor of Hope, the ſtrong Cabel of our confident Expectation.*

In the ſubſequent Papers, are Variety of Matters, in different Times and Exigences and Events that hath paſſed over the Church's Head, ſince that ſad and woful Cataſtrophe of overturning and ruining the Work of GOD *in theſe Lands, and burying and bearing down the ſame to this our Day, are to all the true Lovers of* Zion *that take Plea-*

ſure in her Stones, and favour the Duſt thereof, Matter of Grief, Lamentation, Mourning and Woe; and altho' Hope deferred maketh the Heart Sick, *yet when it comes,* is as the Tree of Life, *then in Faith and Patience let us poſſeſs our Souls, and watch and wait for the coming of the Bridegroom, who will build up his* Zion *and make* Jeruſalem *the Praiſe of the whole Earth, and bring utter Ruin upon* Babylon.

No doubt, at theſe ſimple but ſound Papers, the Criticks *will carp, the* Rabſhakehs *will rail, the* Merathaims *or the two Rebels will rage and rave, the bloody Hounds will gape and threaten to devour and ſwallow up as the Grave. The* Laodicians *and the Job-trot Profeſſor will mutter murmur and inform, and buzzing about as ſo many Waſps with their Stings ready ſharpned, and all the* Midianites *and* Amalakites *will be aloft, to execute their Conjunct deſigned Fury againſt theſe Epiſtles and their Authors.*

But we can tell them, that we neither love their Cauſe, nor fear their Perſons, but through the ſtrength of the mighty Jehovah *we hold them at open Defiance, if they have Number, we have Weight, we have each but one Life to loſe, and neither have they any Power over that, till they get a Permiſſion from above, and then Welcome the divine Diſpenſation, be it when it will. The Deſign of publiſhing thoſe Papers at this Times are, firſt, the Glory of* God. *2dly, the Vindication of Truth. 3dly, As a Teſtimony againſt all the regnant Evils and Defections of our Day. And 4thly, The Information and Edification of others, and to be a Mean to facilitate an Union amongſt all that wiſh well to our* Zion, *and long for the down coming of* Babylon.

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ACTIVE TESTIMONY

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True Covenanted PRESBYTERIANS of SCOTLAND, containing an Abſtract of Acknowledgment of Sins, and Engagement to DUTIES, &c.

IT is the wonderful and unſpeakable Mercy of GOD in CHRIST JESUS, that paſſeth all Underſtanding, that there is a Remedy provided, and a Saviour ſent into the World to ſave loſt and Self-deſtroying Sinners, and that his Obedience to the Law, and his ſatisfying divine Juſtice is accepted in the Stead, Room and Behalf of Elect Sinners; ſo that they are not only delivered from Hell and Wrath by the Death and Sufferings of CHRIST, but have a Right to the Inheritance among the Saints in Light by his active and paſſive Obedience to the Law; ſo that he is made unto Sinners, Wiſdom, Righteouſneſs, Sanctification and compleat Redemption; moreover, the Care, Concern, Love of the Head and Law-giver is further manifeſted in his giving them good Laws, pure Ordinances, juſt Cenſures and Government of his own Moulding, and preſcribed a Parity amongſt Officers of the ſame Kind, with this peremptory Charge, *to hold faſt till he come*; but alas, they have done Violence to the Law, changed the Ordinances, and broken the everlaſting Covenant; and as *Scotland* was bleſſed with a greater Degree of Reformation in all its Parts, and the Purity of the

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Goſpel, with the ſuperadded Ties of our National and Solemn League and Covenant, above moſt Nations in the World: So our Defections, Perjuries and Apoſtaſies from God, his Truths, Cauſe and Covenants is unparallelled, Heaven-daring, wicked and notorious, and our Judgments for the ſame ſeem to be inevitable, and haſtneth apace; and therefore it is our incumbent Duty to ly low in the Duſt before him, and to confeſs and forſake Sin, that we may find Mercy and Grace to help in Time of Need: Which in the Divine Aſſiſtance, and in all Humility, we do as follows.

1ſt. We acknowledge and bewail the Sin of Church and State reſpectively, in inſerting and ratifying that Clauſe in the *4th* Sect. of the *23d* Chap. of the *Weſtminſter Confeſſion of Faith*, " (*viz.*) *Infidelity* or *Difference* in " *Religion* doth not make void the *Magiſtrates* juſt and " legal Authority, nor free the People from their due " Obedience to them." Whereas the Scope of the Scripture, 1 *Pet.* ii. Chap. 13, 14, 15. adduced to prove it, clearly imports, that Magiſtrates juſt and legal Authority, to whom Obedience for Conſcience Sake is due, muſt be One who is qualified, and doth govern according to the preceptive Will of God, to the Puniſhment of Evil-doers, and to the Praiſe of them that do well, which Infidels and Perſons of a falſe Religion are incapable of, being Slaves to the Devil and their own Luſt, that rules in the Children of Diſobedience. The foreſaid Clauſe is alſo contrary to many other Texts of holy Scripture, ſuch as *Exod.* xviii. 26. *Deut.* i. 9. *Deut.* xvi. 18. 20. *Eccl.* ii. *Sam.* xxiii. 3, and 4. *Pſalms* xciv. 20, 21. *Rom.* xiii. 1, and 7. and 1 *Cor.* i. 7. and to the whole preceeding Part of the ſaid *23d* Chap. of the ſaid *Confeſſion*, where the Office of the civil Magiſtrate's juſt and legal Authority is deſcribed after ſuch a Manner as is abſolutely inconſiſtent and incompatible with Infidelity, or the Profeſſion of a falſe or heretical Religion, as is the Caſe betwixt us and the preſent *Dominators*.

2dly, The Sin of State and Church reſpectively in inſerting and ratifying that Clauſe, Sect. 4. Chap. xix.

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of the ſaid *Confeſſion*, (*viz.*) That the Civil and Judicial "Law given by GOD, by the Hand of *Moſes* to "*Iſrael*, expired together with the State of that Peo-"ple, not obliging any now, further than the Moral "Equity doth require." Which Clauſe we reject as Groundleſs and Unreaſonable, but affirm, that the whole Civil and judicial Law of GOD, as given to *Iſrael* by *Moſes*, (abſtracting from what is Ceremonial and Typical, or what has a ſpecial Relation to the peculiar Circumſtances of that People, and what was permitted them anent Poligamy, Divorce, Slaves, *&c.* becauſe of the Hardneſs of their Hearts.) It is one ſpecial Part of the Moral Law, that perfect and eternal Rule of Righteouſneſs delivered to Mankind, containing a Syſtem of Precepts for the Miniſtration of Juſtice and right ordering of civil Societies and Common-Wealths for ever, binding all Nations, and all Men, as well Believers, as others, to the Obedience thereof, and that not only in regard to the Matter contained in it, but alſo in Reſpect of the Authority of GOD the Creator who gave it, which Authority and Obligation, *Chriſt* in the Goſpel doth not any Way abrogate, but very much ſtrengthens and confirms, as *Matth.* v. 17, 18, 19. *Rom.* iii. 31. *Ja.* ii. 8. 11. 1 *Jo.* ii. 3. 4, 7. and 1 *Jo.* iii. 4. And yea moreover, 'tis moſt certain, That the Ceremonial Law itſelf, had ſtill remained in full Force, and of perpetual Obligation, by the Virtue and Authority of its firſt Promulgation, had not the Law-giver repealed it, it being fulfilled in the Death of CHRIST; ſo that we muſt look upon the ſeveral Kingdoms and Common-wealths of *Europe*, at this Day as guilty of worſhipping the Image of the Beaſt, and even in this Reſpect (amongſt others) that they have rejected and laid aſide the Civil and judicial Law of GOD delivered to *Iſrael*, as the Baſis of their Conſtitution and National Laws, both as to its Matter and Authority, and inſtead thereof, hath made the *Roman*, *Pagan*, and *Popiſh* Civil and Canon Laws, together with their own corrupt Reaſon, Inclination and Convenience, the ſupreme Rule and Square of the National

al Laws and Conſtitution conſider *Pſal.* cxlvii. 19, 20. *Acts* xiv. 15. 16. *Rev.* v. 11. and *Rev.* xviii. 14, 15. *&c.*

3*dly*, We ackowledge the Sin of theſe Lands in Church and State reſpectively, in not proceeding to juſt Cenſures and Puniſhment againſt that notorious Tyrant *Charles* the I. for his wicked Oppoſition to the Work of GOD and Reformation of theſe Lands, and for the horrid and cruel Maſſacre of *Ireland*, and for his other repeated Acts of Oppreſſion, Sacrilege, Blood and Tyranny, and labouring to introduce *Popery*, Slavery, Atheiſm and Profanity into theſe Lands, by perſecuting theſe, that refuſed to read the Book of Sports on the *Sabbath-day*, *&c.*

4*thly*, The Sin of State and Church, in entring into publick Reſolutions, bringing in, and admitting the Malignant Party into Places of Power and Truſt, contrary to the Word of GOD, and expreſs Tenor of our Covenants, which produced moſt woful Effects, a Sin yet lying heavy upon us and the Land even at this very Day, the ſame ſinful Courſes, Practice and footing, being continued to the Detriment and Hindrance of all true Religion and Reformation in the Land.

5*thly*, We deſire to mourn for the Sins of theſe Lands, for the proclaiming and receiving *Charles* II. as King over *Britain* and *Ireland*, who was embarked in, and combined with his Father in the ſame malignant Cauſe and Intereſt both in Principle and Practice, as was evident thro' the whole Series of his Courſe and Conduct, and in all the Sham Treaties he had with the Commiſſioners ſent to him, he diſcovered himſelf to be a jugling and profane Atheiſt and Deceiver.

6*thly*, We acknowlege the Sin of Chur hand State, in not erecting a true Magiſtracy, conform to the Word of GOD and Scope of our Covenants, but baſely ſubmitting to the Uſurpation of *Oliver Cromwel*, whoſe Adminiſtration and Proceedings were one continued Act of Tyranny and Perjury, while he tolerated and maintained the perfidious and wicked Sectarians of all Sorts,

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and thereby did moſt openly and avowedly violate the chief End of our Holy and ſacred Covenants.

7*thly*, We bewail the Sin of State and Church, in perſecuting and excommunicating that eminently pious, good and brave Man Colonel *Strachan*, for his Duty, in rejecting wicked *Charles* the II. and his curſed malignant Intereſt; which Sin lies yet heavy upon the Land.

8*thly*, The Sin of Church and State reſpectively, in the ſecond Reception of perfidious *Charles* the II. in the Year 1660, when he was ſo knowingly an inveterate Enemy to the Work of Reformation, yea, to Chriſtianity itſelf; and thereafter in the Year 1662, and downwards, ſtill adhering to him, when breaking down, ruining and overturning the whole Work of Reformation, by the Act Reſciſſory, made by Virtue of the blaſphemouſly uſurped Supremacy (by him aſſumed) accompanied with treacherous inſnaring Indulgences, deſigned for breaking and dividing the LORDS People, and inforced by his continued, avowed, horrid Acts of Blood, Sacrilege and Tyranny.

9*thly*, The Sin of the Land, in owning, maintaining and complying with the uſurped Supremacy, continued and enlarged, the wicked deceitful, and Hell-hatched Tolerations ſought and granted, and all the other many wicked Laws, perjurious Oaths, and bloody Acts made, impoſed, and executed contrary to the Word of GOD, and all Laws divine and humane, during the Uſurpation and Tyranny of that Bloody, Idolatrous, Jeſuited Papiſt *James* Duke of *York*, who deſerved Cenſure rather than a Crown, or the Rule of a Chriſtian People, *&c.*

10*thly*, We acknowledge the Sin of the Land in ſoliciting, receiving, owning and maintaining *William* Prince of *Orange*, *Anna* Princeſs of *Denmark*, and the *George*'s Dukes of *Hannover* to be chief Magiſtrates in theſe Lands without Regard to, or requiring Scipture and Covenant-Qualifications in them, or any others in Power and Truſt under them, while they alſo exerciſe an uſurped Eraſtian Power over the Church, and Oppreſſion and Tyranny in the State; as is evident and

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manifeſt from their eſtabliſhing and ſettling a mock Presbyterian Government upon the People's wavering Inclinations, and conſequently denying it to be of Divine Right, tho' it be in reality for their own Conveniency and worldly Eaſe; and ſo has the bloody uſurped Supremacy for its Foundation, and their contriving and ſetting on the inhumane Maſſacre of *Glenco*, &c, and the Deſtruction of *Darian*, which fatal and grievous Blow *Scotland* feels the Smart thereof to this very Day; and their Tyranny and Oppreſſion with heavy and exorbitant Taxes to maintain vile Strumpets, Penſioners and Panders for Hell, beſides moſt arrogantly aſſuming a Power to pardon Murderers, Swearing, profaning the holy Sabbath, being a Terror to the Good, and Encourager of Evil-doers, and all Manner of Wickedneſs, and Immoralities of all Sorts and Sizes, needs no Demonſtration; being obvious to every Man's View and Experience: Therefore on theſe and the like Grounds and Reaſons, We hold, eſteem and declare it a grievous Sin to own, maintain, ſupport or defend the preſent Duke of *Hannover*, or his Poſterity, or any Men of their Practice, either *Popiſh*, *Prelatick*, *Eraſtian*, *Sectarian* or *Lutheran* in Principle, or any other Uſurpers in State or Church, which at this Day are entirely compoſed of Malignants and abominable Sectaries of all Sorts, and of monſtrous Shapes and frightful Viſages.

11*thly*, The Sin of the diſſenting Party, in relinquiſhing the Active Teſtimony expreſly contained in the Covenants both National and Solemn League, and further proſecuted and owned by theſe eminent Martyrs, Meſſieurs *Cameron*, *Cargill*, *Haxton*, *Hall*, *Skeen*, *Balfour*, &c. according to the Tenor of *Rutherglen*, *Sanquhar* and *Lanerk* Declarations, and *Queens-Ferry* Paper in the Year 1680 and 1682, while they endeavoured to ſet up a godly Magiſtracy and form a civil State. And as the firſt Step towards that laudable Deſign did inveſt themſelves (in a Convention) with authoritative Power, by Virtue whereof they depoſed the Tyrants then in Being, and declared War againſt them and all their Aſſoci-

Aſſociate in Principle and Practice, *&c.* but the diſſenting Party has renounced the Active Teſtimony both materially and formally. See Informatory Vindication, Head 2*d.* And has overturned the very Principles of a covenanted Reformation by their negative, paſſive Teſtimony, in ſuch a Meaſure, that according to their Way, all Proſpects of national Reformation or bringing down the Kingdom of *Antichriſt*, in Time coming, is entirely cut off and fruſtrated, except by the *Primores regni*, (as they ſpeak) or a whole complex Body Politick, or the greateſt Part of the Nation.

Now granting the Duties of the Covenants, national and ſolemn League, were, That all the Members of the Common-wealth ſhould conjunctly and ſeverally endeavour Reformation, moving every one in their proper Places and Callings, and that (continuing faithful ſo to do) none could have, without unjuſt Invaſion, entered upon the Place, Calling or Office, of another: Yet it is plain and evident to a Demonſtration, that the *Primores* as they call themſelves, and others, have forfeited their Right (if ever they had any) by neglect of Duty, Defection, Perjury, and other high Crimes and Miſdemeanors, *&c.* It is not only lawful for, but the indiſpenſible Duty of others that would not be found alike guilty, tho' in an inferior Station, to ſupply the Places of theſe Forfeiters and Traitors to GOD and their Country, and to ſtand to the general Obligations, which all and every one were bound conjunctly and ſeverally to ſee the Duty performed, by ſubſtituting in their Places, Callings and Offices, Men of ſound Principles, ſuitable Practices and blameleſs Converſation, to be Magiſtrates and Rulers, for the Ends and Effects aforeſaid, *&c.*

12*thly*, We acknowledge the Sin of ſuch, that altho' adhering to a Negative, Paſſive Teſtimony, but yet uſurping the Holy Office of the Miniſtry under Pretence of an extraordinary or mixed Call, without ſo much as apparent Right, Qualification, or the Formality of the Call of an Elderſhip, tho' even that from Men of their own Principles were invalid: Therefore

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We declare them and all others in general, Intruders, that have done, do, or ſhall uſurp the ſaid Office of the Miniſtry, until the Concurrence can be had of an Elderſhip, conſtituted of a ſufficient Number of able judicious Chriſtians, faithfully adhering to our Covenanted Engagements, and proſecuting the Ends of our holy Covenants under a lawful Magiſtracy, which Elderſhip (according to their Meaſure) may fully try the Ability of ſuch as offer themſelves Candidates to the holy Miniſtry, and proceed in the moſt legal Way, practicable in ſuch a Caſe of Neceſſity, to Election or Ordination; unleſs any Man or Men can ſolidly inſtruct and prove, upon good and valid Grounds, his or their Call, Commiſſion or Miſſion to be extraordinary or immediate: In that Caſe we ſhall reſt ſatisfied and well content with the Divine Diſpenſation; but wanting this, we muſt have Recourſe to the ordinary Means preſcribed in his Word, which is the unerring Rule in all Duties, and at all Times, *&c.*

A Solemn Engagement to Duties.

1ſt. WE engage to own and avouch the only true and living GOD, FATHER, SON and HOLY GHOST, to be our GOD, and to cloſe with his Way of Redemption by his Son JESUS CHRIST, and to rely upon his Righteouſneſs, as that alone, whereby a Sinner can be juſtified in the Sight of GOD, ſanctified and ſaved, and made meet and fit to be Partakers of the Inheritance amongſt the Saints in Light.

2dly, We engage to hold and eſteem the holy Scriptures of the Old and New Teſtaments; for a full and compleat Rule of Faith and Practice, and endeavour to walk by that Rule in our Lives and Converſation, as becometh Profeſſors of the Goſpel, *&c.*

3dly, To adhere to the *Weſtminſter Confeſſion of Faith* (excepting the Defects above-mentioned in the Acknow-

knowledgment of Sins, 1*ſt.* and 2*d.* Articles) and *Catechiſms*, *Larger* and *Shorter*, *Sum of Saving Knowledge*, *Directory for Worſhip*, Acknowledgment of Sins, and Engagement to Duties, and Presbyterial Church-Government, and to our Solemn and ſacred Covenants, National and Solemn League, and the antient Coronation Oath of *Scotland*, as agreeable to, and founded upon GOD's moſt holy Word.

4*thly*, We engage to adhere to the Civil Law of GOD, delivered to his People by *Moſes* (excepting as in the 2*d* Article of Acknowledgment of Sins) as the Baſis of all other Laws to be made; declaring that no Regulations ſhall be in Force that interferes with, or contrary to, or Invalidates the ſame, or any Part of them.

5*thly*, To own, adhere to, and ſupport Civil Government and Rulers according to GOD's preceptive Will, *viz.* Judges, Counſellors and Officers; Regard being had to the Civil and Judicial Law aforeſaid, for their Qualifications and Admiſſion, *viz.* Men fearing GOD, and hating Covetouſneſs, Men of Truth, and known among the Tribes, juſt, ruling in the fear of GOD, *&c.* as *Exod.* xviii. 21, 22. *Deut.* xvi. 18. 19. and 1 *Sam.* xxiii. 4.

6*thly*, To appoint a great Council, conſiſting of a compleat Number of Elders, or chief Judges, to receive and hear all Appeals in Matters Civil or Criminal, and to put in Execution all Laws and Regulations agreed upon, and publickly eſtabliſhed through the Land, eſpecially amongſt the Community that embraces the above Truths, *&c.*

7*thly*, To erect and eſtabliſh all other neceſſary Courts of Juſtice, as the ſame ſhall be found moſt conducible to the Glory of GOD and the good of the Nation and Common-wealth, in a general Convention of the States of the Land and Kingdom of *Scotland*.

8*thly*, We do ſolemnly engage to reſtore and conſtitute, with all poſſible Diligence and Diſpatch, a formal National Presbyterian Church, enjoying her Patrimonial Power and Privileges, and Eccleſiaſtical Govern-

vernment, distinct from the Civil Government of the State, and with all her just Rights and Privileges (as the same do, or shall appear from GODS Word) her Meetings in Kirk-Sessions, Presbyteries, Synods, and General-Assemblies, and our States are hereby expresly obliged to ratify and confirm, by their Civil Sanction, all her just Laws, Acts and Censures, and to defend and secure her Hedge, by punishing Capitally obstinate Invaders, and gross Offenders, in a just, legal and suitable Way, in Proportion to their Demerit.

9*thly*, We engage to assert, restore and maintain the absolute and free Independency and Sovereignty of our State, against all unjust Invaders and Oppressors at Home and Abroad, and to bring to Trial and conding Punishment all such as have eminently transgressed in this Kind, or Manner already, or shall be convicted thereof, in any Time coming, without Respect of Persons.

10*thly*, We engage to rescind, abolish and cancel al former Civil Acts and Laws of State whatsoever, that are not founded upon common Equity, or the Law and Word of GOD, and particularly, the present impious and cursed Union, so destructive to Religion and Liberty; and all other Acts and Laws that are any Way prejudicial to, or a Hinderance of the true Religion, the Liberty and Independence of the Land, and the real and just Sovereignty thereof; but to renew. ratify and confirm all such Acts and Laws as shall be found agreeable to the Word of GOD, and consistent with our Covenanted Engagements, and founded upon Equity, and apparently conducive to the publick Good.

11*thly*, We engage for the Relief of the Poor, and more comfortable Subsistance of the Commons, and the general Increase of the Substance of the whole Land: We shall prohibite the Importation of all foreign Goods, Manufactures and Commodities not truly conducive, nor necessary to the publick Good and National Interest in general, and that we never shall impose nor suffer to be imposed, under any Pretence whatsoever, any Tax, Burden or Impost upon the Produce, or Manufactures,

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of our own Land, neither upon their Conſumption at Home, or Exportation Abroad to foreign Places.

12*thly*, We ſolemnly engage, in the Divine Strength and Aſſiſtance, to cleanſe the Land of all Heretieks, Seducers, falſe Prophets, Deceivers, and peſtilent Movers of Sedition, ſuch as Popery, Prelacy, Eraſtianiſm, Sectarianiſm, and other Evils contrary to ſound Doctrine and the Power of Godlineſs, and ſhall endeavour to ſuppreſs and bear down all Vice, Superſtition, Immoralities, Stage-Plays, Sabbath-breakers, Swearers, Adulterers, and all Profanity whatſoever, and in whomſoever they be found.

Moreover, we engage by the Aſſiſtance aforeſaid, not only to proſecute the Ends of our Covenants, National and ſolemn League, by endeavouring the Reſtoration and Eſtabliſhment of a Covenanted Work of Reformation, throughout *Scotland*, *England* and *Ireland*; but as the LORD will give Power and Succeſs, we ſhall endeavour the Advancement of the Kingdom of our Lord JESUS CHRIST, in Oppoſition to Antichriſt, and all his Aſſociates and Abetters whatever, to the utter Ruin of *Babylon*, or the Kingdom of Antichriſt and Satan, by proſecuting the Ends of a Covenanted-Reformation throughout other Lands, by the Word, and alſo by the Sword, that the LORD may be one, and his Name one throughout all the Earth; and particularly, that our Elder Brethren, the long rejected *Jews*, may embrace the glorious Light of the Goſpel, and be ſaved according to the faithful Promiſes of GOD in his Word, and all ſtumbling Blocks being removed out of the Way; we ſhall of all Nations of the Earth give them the Right-Hand of Fellowſhip, and aſſiſt them to the uttermoſt of our Power, in recovering and ſetting them in their own Land, even the Land of *Canaan*, given to their Fathers; their Reſtoration and Salvation, both Spiritual and Temporal, being fully held out and manifeſted in the Divine Oracles, that they and we may live in Faith and Love and Comforts of the HOLY GHOST, and that the Glory of GOD may be advanced and he Kingdom of CHRIST enlarged to the utmoſt

Bounds

Bounds of the habitable World, and the Knowledge of GOD may cover the Earth, as the Waters cover the Sea, &c.

At *Edinburgh*, *Sic Subscribitur*.

JOHN HALDEN.
JAMES LESLIE.

A DECLARATION of WAR against all the Enemies of CHRIST at Home and Abroad.

WE the most Serene and most Potent in the LORD, the covenanted States of the Common-Wealth of *Scotland*, and adhering to the annexed Testimony; and according to the Tenor thereof, being chosen Representatives, with full Power to this Effect, do, by Vertue of our Authority, in a Legal Way and Manner, conform to the said Testimony, as the only Standard of Truth, the Adherence whereof in Principle and Practice, as they severally relate; shall be held and reputed the Claim of Right, that any Person may plead Interest in our Favour and Protection, or Title, with other needful Qualifications to Places of Power and Trust in State and Church, declaring the Articles of Engagement to Duties, to have the full Force of Foundamental Laws, to take Place immediately after due Publication hereof; so we, in the Name of the Lord JESUS CHRIST, the sole and only King of the whole Earth, and supreme Head of our State, and in our own Name and Authority, as his Vicegerents; do solemnly declare a War, against *Turk*, *Pope* and *Prelates*, and all their Associates and Abetters whatever, without League or Truce, for ever; and against all Powers whatsoever, that refuse to submit their Necks to the Yoke of King JESUS, or denies true and full Obedience to his revealed Laws, in State and Church, until his

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Kingdom be ſettled, according to the Gift of the Father, from Sun riſing to the ſetting thereof.

Finally, againſt all Uſurpers or Deniers of our juſt Authority, Contemners of our juſt Laws, now, or hereafter to be emitted, and all pretended Neutrals within our Dominions, or elſe where, being our Subjects. AND WHEREAS, by the juſt Judgment of GOD upon us for all our Abominations and Perjuries in Deſpite and Contempt of all former Mercies, and our former ſolemn Engagments, the Land is now brought under cruel Slavery and Bondage, and oppreſſed by two principal Factions, one adhering to the Duke of *Hanover*, a Foreigner by Birth, of a falſe Religion, long ſince abjured by us, having no Manner of Claim, but by Virtue of the accurſed Union, which we hereby expreſly diſclaim, renounce, and abrogate, as impious in its ſelf, utterly inconſiſtent with our covenanted Engagments, the Sovereignty and Independence of our Eſtate. Declaring all the Authors, and active Abettors thereof, Enemies to God, and Traitors to their Country.

The other Faction, adhering to a *Popiſh* Pretender, who, by his open and avowed Profeſſion, is a groſs Idolater, a ſworn Slave to *Antichriſt*, and by the Law of God, ſhould die the Death, as he further deſerves, for his frequent invading of our Lands with Fire and Sword, and his being the Cauſe of ſo much Blood-ſhed; which we hope, by God's Strength doubly to repay him and his Adherents. We declare, we ſhall free the Lands from theſe, and all other Enemies of whatever Denomination, and execute true Juſtice and Judgment according to God's Laws, without Partiality or Reſpect of Perſons, as we tender the Favour of Almighty God, and enact ſuch Laws as are agreeable to, and founded on the Civil and judicial Laws, agreeable to our Chriſtian Liberty, and Moral Equity, and ſee the ſame duly execute.

We voluntarily offer our Aſſiſtance to the utmoſt of our Power, to all Nations, or Parties of People, that are willing to advance CHRIST and their own Rights,

Civil and Eccleſiaſtick, on their firm Adherence to the above Truths, and true Endeavours to bring them to Practice, as really, as if they were entered into expreſs League with us; and in particular, we offer to the *Jews*, on their embracing and receiving CHRIST JESUS our common LORD and SAVIOUR, and walking worthy of him, not only to Treat with them as a free independent Nation, but will give them only of all Nations of the Earth our Right-hand of Fellowſhip, as our elder Brethren, and receive them kindly into our Country, and uſe our faithful Endeavours to reſtore them their hereditary Country, the Land of *Canaan*, in Oppoſition to all Power whatever that may withſtand it, and to do them all poſſible Favour and Honour they can expect or deſire.

We charge all our Country-men, and the Inhabitants of theſe covenanted Lands, to ſeek earneſtly of GOD, the Grace of true and ſincere Repentance, for what Hand they and we have had, in provoking him to Anger, by our groſs Defections from him, either actively or paſſively; of which few, if any are clear, that he may take Pleaſure to unite us again in Truth and Holineſs, and turn from his fierce Wrath.

AND FINALLY, we require and command all our loving Subjects, of what Station ſoever, they now do, or ſhall hereafter lawfully enjoy, to give us open and undoubted Proof of their Loyalty to us, and our lawful Officers, in the juſt Execution of their reſpective Offices by Sea or Land, by giving them true Aid, Aſſiſtance and Obedience, as the Law of GOD wills, and hereby charge in our own Name and Authority our Heraulds at Arms, and other proper Officers, to ſee, and cauſe this our Declaration to be publiſhed in due Form, at the proper and uſual Places, as they ſhall Anſwer the contrary, at their utmoſt Peril.

Given at *Laudinum*, 29. Day of *October*, 1739, being the firſt Year of our Covenanted States.
Signed and Counter-ſigned.

J.——*N.* *H.*——*N.*

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A Second DECLARATION of WAR againſt all the avowed and declared Enemies of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, and his Righteous Cauſe.

WE true *Presbyterans*, the Succeſſors of the famous Convention at *Lanark* aſſembled *Anno* 1682, owning and adhering to the ſame Cauſe, and eſpouſing the ſame Truths and Teſtimony with them, do, in the Name of the true and living GOD, and by Virtue of their Authority, (yet remaining unſhaken, for all the Efforts made againſt it by pretended Friends and open Enemies) and our own radical and inherent Rights, purſuing the ſame Quarrel, and proſecuting the ſame War againſt the ſame Enemies of CHRIST our King, under whoſe Banner, and by whoſe Strength and Conduct we declare a War againſt the *Turk*, *Pope* and *Prelates*, and all their Aſſociates, Adherents, Partakers and Supporters whatſoever, without any Parley, Treaty of Peace, Capitulation, Compoſition, Truce, or any Tranſaction with them or any of them for ever, that may in the leaſt be derrogatory to Truth, or make us ſurceaſe from our Duty; and we, in the ſame Name, and by Viriue of the Authority aforeſaid, declare a War againſt all Murderers and Perſecuters of the Innocent, and in a Particular Manner, againſt the thrice curſed ravenous andrapacious bloody Houſe of *Auſtria*, and the violent and virulent Tyger of *Savoy*, who have ſhed Seas of the Saints Blood, and laid waſte and ruined the once famous and flouriſhing Churches in *Hungary*, *Bohemia*, and the two *Sicilies* the *Palatine*, *Piedmont*, and many other Places in *Germany* and *Belgium*, aud hath ſhed more Chriſtian Blood than either *Turk* or *Tartar*, or all the Nations in *Europe* ever did upon a religious Account, for which they

they ought and may get Blood to drink, for they re worthy, and the Cup that they have filled to others, ſhould be filled to them double; and to all their Confederates, Aſſociates, till they be exterminated from off the Face of the Earth, as the greateſt Scourge and Plagues that ever the World ſaw.

Moreover we, in the Name and by the Authority aforeſaid, declare a War againſt the Sacrilegious Throne of *Britain*, and the Poſſeſſors thereof, with all their Supporters, Abbettors, Aiders and Confederates whatſomever, by Sea or Land, at Home or Abroad, for all their Violence and Villanies in laying waſte our LORD's Heritage, razing, overturning, bearing down the Cauſe of CHRIST, and Work of Reformation in theſe Lands, burning and burying our Holy Covenants, and building their Babels, and rearing up their Prelatical and Eraſtian Fabricks upon the Ruins thereof, and alſo moſt blaſphemouſly uſurping the Royal Prerogative of the etetnal Son of GOD, who is the alone and undoubted King and Head of his Church, which is his Body; yet they daringly preſume to rob him of the ſame, by claiming a Headſhip over the Church and by Virtue of that Uſurpation, they call and diſſolve ſpiritual Courts and Aſſemblies, and preſcribing Cauſes and appointing Diets and Days of Faſting and Thankſgiving throughout the Land, and preſenting and forcing Incumbents upon moſt Pariſhes without the Peoples Conſent, and many other Invaſions and Incroachments made upon CHRIST's Freehold by the Occupant upon the Throne of *Britain*, and his black Cabal, for which they muſt be accountable one Day; and for all their other Abominations and Wickedneſs in protecting and pardoning Murderers, and encouraging all Sorts of evil Doers, as Jugglers, Plays and their Haunters, Curſers, Swearers, Prophaners of the Sabbath-Day, Whoredoms of all Kinds, Pimps and Panders for Hell, and alſo for their horrid ſinful Conjunction and Aſſociation and Confederation, with theſe Idolatrous, bloody, butching Burriers, the *Auſtrian Jezebel* and *Sardinian Ahab*, (and now with *France*

France, *Spain* and *Italy*, and all the Limbs of Antichriſt) and their Abettors, and for all their Tyranny, Oppreſſions, heavy Taxes, impoſing unlawful Oaths, Bribery and Corruption, and many other tremenduous Wickedneſſes too long here to relate.

Alſo we, in the Name and by the Authority aforeſaid, declare a War againſt the Peſtilential Sect of Seceders, for their mad and ſtupid Loyalty to the Idolatrous Throne of *Britain*, and their ſupporting the ſame with all their Might, and for their wicked and pernicious Principles, affirming that Mgiſtracy is founded upon mere Nature, and ſo conſequently is not the Ordinance of GOD; as if GOD who made the World had caſten off all Care of the ſame, and left it only to be governed by Mans Inventions, and their deſtroying and overturning our Reformation-Principles, by mangling, curtailing and clipping our Solemn-Covenants, or elſe laying them wholly aſide, and burying them in Oblivion, and ſubſtituting a ſpurious Brat of their own begetting in their Room, Place and Stead; and for their malicious Lies and Reproaches caſt upon the LORD's People in theſe Lands, and their gadding about and traverſing through the Land like light Mountebanks ſeducing and deceiving the unſtable, giddy Multitude with their fair Speeches and plauſible Pretences, and for their wicked and audacious Act in daring to ſummon before their unhallowed Conclave, and for Noncompearance to excommunicate many true *Presbyterians*, both Miniſters and People in this Land, merely for their Duty in oppoſing in ſome ſmall Meaſure their inconſiſtent, new and ſtrange Way: And yet in the mean Time leaving all the prophane Debauchees, Blaſphemers, Jugglers, Atheiſts, Idolaters, and the wicked Throne untouched with their Wooden-Sword, and altho' their Fulmination be of no more avail, and are as little to be regarded, as the curſed *Pope*'s Bulls againſt the Proteſtants, yet their implacable Malice is never a Whit the leſs againſt the Truth and its Owners; and as they have no Authority but what they arrogantly uſurp to themſelves over theſe Innocent People, ſo they contemn,

temn, deſpiſe and defy them and their blunt Wooden-Sword. The Rebound thereof will come back upon themſelves with a Vengeance, to their Shame and Confuſion of Face; and many other Crimes of which they are culpable, and for which, they muſt be accountable and pay the Coſt e'er long.

Finally, againſt all other Sectaries of the old and new Stamp, with *Eraſtians* and *Arminians*, and againſt all Reproachers of the Saints dead or living, and all Image-makers and their Aſſociates and Maintainers of that pernicious Principle, that common Providence is the Rule of our Duty; and all Apoſtates, and Deſerters of Truth and Duty, and againſt all Halters, Loiterers and Neutrals, that refuſe or delay to embrace the Truth as it is in JESUS, and to maintain and defend the ſame to the utmoſt of their Power.

Now we earneſtly intreat and invite all, or any of the Parties or Perſons aforeſaid, to leave of their *Babel*-building, and come out from *Antichriſt*'s Camp, and join themſelves to the LORD and his Cauſe and Intereſt, and help him againſt the Mighty, or elſe they may expect the heavy Doom and Curſe of *Meroz*, &c. We charge and command you, our Subſtitutes to ſee and cauſe this our Declaration be publiſhed in due Form, at the Publick and uſual Places, as they will anſwer at their Peril. Given at *Hemlock-ridge*, on the third Day of *April* Years by Command, Signed.

Signed

Counter Signed,

J. H.
J. L.

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A DECLARATION and TESTIMONY againſt the Late Invaſion of *Scotland*, by the two young Pretenders, *viz. Charles* and *William*.

SUch hath ever been the inveterate Malice of Satan (that old fiery Serpent) againſt the Church of God, that he hath partly, by bloody Butcheries and open Hoſtilities, and partly by Seduction and contagious Hereſies, ſought utterly to quench and extinguiſh the glorious Light of the Word of God and the Goſpel of Jesus Christ, that (all Men ſitting in Darkneſs) he might the ſooner blow up the whole Frame of the Houſe of God. How far the Powers and pretended Potentates of the Earth have been conducive thereunto, and advanced themſelves in his Service, the Experience of all Ages and our own Hiſtories do ſufficiently declare, the greateſt without Compariſon and moſt admirable Work which the Hand of God hath brought about upon Earth in theſe latter Days, is, the Reformation of Religion from Antichriſtian Pollution and Tyranny, no other could been expected from the furious Prince of the bottomleſs Pit, but extream Oppoſition to this ſo great a Detriment and ſo high a Prejudice to his tottering Kingdom. How many ſo called Princes, States and wicked Rulers, hath he ſtirred up, to perſecute and proſecute with Fire and Sword to the cruelleſt Deaths, the innocent Witneſſes of the Truths of Christ. Alſo how many learned Divines, and Perſons of notable Parts hath he bewitched with his Inchantments, to ſpend their Spirits and precious Time in maintaining by Might and Main, Word and Writing, the moſt palpable and groſſeſt Abſurdities and Abominations of that accurſed *Romiſh* Idol, with it's Limbs

Limbs and Members: The wicked Sectaries, who in the Darkneſs of our Deformation are creeping out of their Dens and Holes, as ſo many Locuſts out of the Bottomleſs Pit of Hell, ſeducing and deceiving, if it were poſſible, the very Elect.

But the chief Artifice, whereby this wicked and crafty Serpent hath moſt impeded and hindred the Progreſs of the Goſpel and the Advancement of glorious CHRIST's Kingdom in the World, is his powerful working in the Children of Diſobedience, in begetting and maintaining that moſt pernicious, irrational and ſlaviſh Principle amongſt Mankind, *viz.* The owning, maintaining and ſubmitting their Necks, to the heavy Yokes of cruel Tyrants and Uſurpers, as their lawful and rightful Rulers; a Principle ſo brutiſh in itſelf, ſo contrary to right Reaſon, to Liberty, Property; to their Freedom as Men, and to Conſcience as Chriſtians: And above all, ſo flatly oppoſite to the Precepts in the Word of GOD, and wickedly palliating all ſuch brutiſh Compliance, with this pitiful Quirk, that Magiſtracy is founded on Nature.

And wonder it is, how Men endued with rational Souls, having the Exerciſe of Reaſon and in their right Wits, ſhould be ſo far deluded and blinded with the *God* of the World, as to entertain ſuch a deſtructive Principle, ſo viſibly ruinous to both Civil and Religious Intereſts, amongſt Men and Chriſtians.

And that corrupted Nature, ſince the Fall of *Adam* ſhould be the Ground and Foundation of civil Magiſtracy is a *Paradox*, and a Tenet as falſe, as it is Blaſphemous for to introduce corrupt Nature (and ſet aſide the Law and Word of GOD) as the Rule to erect and own Civil Magiſtrates, is no other, but to lean to the Covenant of Works, and neglect and lay aſide that of Grace. And it is manifeſt and obvious to all Mankind, what woful Effects corrupt Nature (for there is no other ſince the Fall) hath brought forth in the World where Grace hath been wanting. But we ſhall have Occaſion to touch a little on this Point afterwards.

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Now altho' we have, in our former Declarations at every emergent and diſtinguiſhing Event, teſtified againſt all the Tyranny, Bloodſhed, Uſurpations and Defections both of old and of late, done in theſe Lands, and by all Ranks and Degrees in it, and alſo ſufficiently and plainly declared our Principles and Judgment, what Miniſters and Magiſtrates we would and ſhould have, and all the Land ſhould embrace, and what Qualifications they ought to be endued with, that ſhould govern and rule over theſe covenanted Lands: Yet we think it our Duty at this Time, further to declare againſt the late Tranſactions and cruel Tragedies that hath been acted in theſe Lands, and eſpecially in *Scotland*, by the two young Pretenders CHARLES and WILLIAM, for altho' like *Sampſon*'s Foxes, their Heads are aſunder anent their different worldly Intereſts, yet their Tails are unite about the Dragon's Neck; they belong to one Family, *viz.* Antichriſt's, they drive one Deſign, *viz.* bearing down and ruining the Work of GOD in theſe Lands, and altho' they be two Factions, yet they ſerve but one grand Maſter, under whoſe Banner they acted all theſe Barbarities and Cruelties in this Land of late.

Againſt all which, we, as true Presbyterians; owning the whole Word of GOD to be our Rule, and all the Parts and Pieces of our Reformation agreeable thereunto, our Covenants and all the Teſtimonies given for the ſame,

Declares, and by theſe Preſents do teſtify and declare againſt CHARLES pretended Prince of *Wales*, &c. his invading our Land with ſeven Men and a few Arms, and their erecting his Standard, and gathering a Rout of People about it, a promiſcuous Multitude of ignorant, covetous, pilfering Crew! without ever declaring what Religion or Principle he held, nor would give ſufficient Security for the true Religion, but only his bare Word to ſettle Prelacy in *England*, and a Toleration of all Religions in *Scotland*; both which are ſinful, and contrary to the Word of GOD and our holy Covenants, *&c.* and his going through the Land with his Malig-

nants, to the Terror of the Inhabitants, interrupting nd hindering Commerce and Buſineſs.

2*dly*, We teſtify againſt the proclaiming of his Father to be King, by the Title of *James* the Eight, when 'tis notourly known that he is an avowed *Papiſt*, and a Limb of *Antichriſt*, abjured by us in our Covenants, and being contrary to the Word of GOD, and the righteous Laws of the Land, to admit, or ſet up an Idolater over us, which all *Papiſts* are.

3*dly*, We declare againſt his gathering and uplifting Taxes and Ceſſes through the Land, and applying the ſame to ſupport his Invaſion! When the ſaid Taxes belongs neither to him nor the Occupant upon the Throne, but only to a true Goſpel Magiſtracy, having Scripture and Covenant-Qualifications, being a Terror to Evil-doers, and a Praiſe to them that do well.

4*thly*, We declare againſt his ſeizing upon, and taking all the Arms he could find in Towns and Country, and the Ammunition and other Implements of War; and therewith arming his Malignants, to put them in a Capacity to diſtreſs the Land, and bear down the Work of GOD in the ſame.

5*thly*, We bear Teſtimony againſt his forcibly ſeizing upon, and arbitrarily commanding the Inhabitants of the Land, to bring in their Horſes and Carriages for his Service, to the great Loſs and Hinderance of poor Labourers of the Ground, in their lawful Buſineſs; on the Diligence of which, depends theirs and their Families Livelihood; and any Interruption of that Kind, muſt be a very ſignal Detriment to them.

6*thly*, Moreover, we declare againſt all the unſound Principles and ſinful Practices of that malignant Party, and the Enmity they have at the Power of Godlineſs, and their abuſing and vilipending all the prime Inſtruments of the Reformation, both at Home and Abroad, which is a ſhrewd Sign, that they are very bad Proteſtants; and that both their Principles and Deſign hath a Tendency to introduce *Popery* and arbitrary Power again to theſe Lands: Alſo, we reckon it a great Vice in CHARLES, his fooliſh Pity and Lenity, in ſparing

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theſe profane, blaſphemous Red-coats, that Providence delivered into his Hand, when by putting them to Death, this poor Land might have been eaſed of the heavy Burden of theſe Vermin of Hell; and he would have had fewer to have foughten againſt him, and guarding his People to the Gallows, the fatal Conſequences of which is found in the Epilogue, *&c.*

In the next Place, we come to touch a little at the other Faction of the malignant Party, that adheres to, and ſupports the preſent unhappy Government, no leſs Enemies to, Hinderers and Retarders of the Work of God in the Land, and Supporters of the Kingdom of *Antichriſt*, and the Pillars thereof, than the other Faction are.

1*ſt*, The Occupant upon the Throne to ſecure himſelf in his Uſurpation, and for Wordly-ends, hath joined Iſſue and Intereſt with two of the moſt Idolatrous and Bloody Limbs of *Antichriſt*, that is upon the Face of the Earth, (*viz.*) the curſed *Jezebel* of *Auſtria*, and the little fierce Tyger of *Savoy*, to his everlaſting Ignominy, and the Diſgrace of the Proteſtant Religion, which wicked and ſinful Confederacy with Idolaters, is contrary to the whole Word of God, and our ſacred Covenants, and the Practice of the Godly in our pureſt Times; for which Cauſe, We, as before, do deteſt, abhore; teſtify and declare againſt all ſuch Confederacies, and all other his Male-Adminiſtrations.

2*dly*, The Occupant, to ſhew himſelf a real Step-Father to theſe Lands, did authoriſe his Son *William*, pretended Duke of *Cumberland*, to invade *Scotland* with a helliſh Crew of Red-coats, who came in as Vermin, in Shoals from *Flanders* and *England*; as if the Flood-gates of Hell had been opened, bellowing forth their horrid Curſes and blaſphemous Oaths, and robbing, ſtealing, and ruining all where ever they came, ſheltering all their Villanies with this Nick-name, ye are Rebels, tho' never ſo innocent: When its notour to all, that they are the greateſt Rebels againſt God and the Laws of the Land, and even Humanity its ſelf, that ever the Sun ſaw. All which, we teſtify againſt, *&c.*

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3*dly*, We reſent the Madneſs of Profeſſors of ſeveral Denominations, who took ſuch Vipers into their Boſoms, by giving them Horſes in their Journeyings, feeding them with Meat, Drink, and Spirits, and joining in Arms with them to help to deſtroy their own Country: And all the Return theſe ungrateful Beaſts of Prey made, was ſetting Fire to ſeveral Places in *Edinburgh* (but was happily quenched) and they burnt the Palace of *Linlithgow* out of Malice, and plundered even their Benefactors, as well as others, and brake down Windows, and other Miſchiefs, too long here to relate.

4*thly*, We reſent the unjuſt Invaſion of our Land, by a People of a ſtrange Language, and of as ſtrange Aſpects, from *Germany*, who defiled the Land with their Whoredoms (being mad unclean Beaſts) and to compleat the Miſery of the Land, they did grievouſly inſult, beat, and male-treat many of the Inhabitants of the Country where they paſſed; and as the Caterpillars that did devour what the Locuſts left, they carried a vaſt deal of Spoil and Plunder with them into *Germany*, to the impoveriſhing and ruining of the poor Country, *&c.*

5*thly*, We teſtify and declare againſt the Progreſs and Behaviour of the Red-coat Army under *William* their furious Leader: For no ſooner they paſſed the River of *Forth*, than they began to make Havock of all; raging like fierce Tygers, plundering Houſes, and burning others, with the Barns and Barn-yards full of Victual, and cleanſing the Fields of Cattle, and rouping them, with other Goods, on the Sabbath Day in the Inch of *Perth*, as they had their Plays and Diverſions on the other Inch, on the ſame Day; and the ſame Courſe of Deſtruction and Devaſtation they followed, till they came to *Aberdeen*, and there they ſettled a while, glutting themſelves with the Spoil of the Country, curſing and blaſpheming the Name of GOD, mocking and inſulting their Reprovers, and horribly profaning the Sabbath by Idleneſs and Gaming and other Debaucheries, in contempt of GOD and Man, as if they

they would defy Heaven, and mock at Hell as a Scarcrow; and all this Wickedneſs was allowed and committed by the Example of their Duke, who diſdained to be preſent at any Sort of Worſhip, all the Time he was in *Scotland*, but wrought all Manner of Wickedneſs with Greedineſs, and with a high Hand.

6thly, We utterly abhore and declare againſt all the horrid Cruelty, Barbarity, and Inhumanity, committed after the Battle of *Culloden*, upon the wounded and innocent by theſe Monſters of Men, the bloody Red-coats, and their more than brutal Leaders, who, in cold Blood, moſt barbarouſly murdered the wounded, by running their Swords and Baynots in the Hearts and Bellies of ſome, and knocking the Brains out of others with their Muſkets, and inſtigating the Red-coat's Strumpets and Servants to do the like; and maſſacred the unarmed By-ſtanders, who came to look on, and behold how the Matter went; and beſides, they killed a 100 amongſt the Planting, in the Parks of *Culloden*, the Day after the Action was over, in cold Blood (like arrant Cowards) and then like incarnate Devils, they raged through the Country, murdering Women and Children, and old infirm Men in many Places; and burning others in Barns, and in their Houſes, without Diſtinction of Age or Sex: And likewiſe theſe bloody Burriers hanged up Numbers where-ever they came, upon Trees and other Places, and ſome they hung by the Chin, to torment them with a lingring Death, and then ſporting themſelves at the Agony and Miſery of the poor unfortunate Creatures, and others they hung up by the Thumbs, and then whipped them to Death in a moſt cruel Manner, and even ſome little Children, who died ſoon after their whipping. A Barbarity ſcarcely to be found amongſt *Turks* and *Tartars*, but only in the *Spaniſh* Inquiſition, from whom they ſeem to have copied after, and imitated in all their Cruelties: Moreover, after they had ſatiate themſelves in their Barbarities upon their Fellow-creatures, they fell upon their Goods and Houſes, burning and deſtroying, and laying waſte

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whole Country-ſides, leaving no Suſtenance, either for Man or Beaſt, but the Graſs of the Fields, whereby Multitudes have periſhed with Famine and Want, and many found dead in Caves and Huts, and in the Fields, with Graſs in their Mouths; and all theſe horrid Tragedies were acted in this Land, by the ſpecial Command of their inhumane Duke, whom the flattering Time ſerving Miniſters, blaſphemouſly call a Saviour and Deliverer; but far rather, and more truly ſhould be termed *Abaddon*, a Deſtroyer, or a ſecond *Nero*, ſince his Actions are more agreeable to the latter than the former.

7*thly*, We reſent the unnatural Babarity of theſe wicked *Scots*, that aſſiſted the cruel Duke and his ſwearing malicious *Engliſh* to Butcher their Country-men, and waſte and deſtroy their Lands and Goods, when they ought far rather to have helped to cleanſe the Land of ſuch Vermin, who have robbed and polluted the ſame with their blaſphemous Errors and other Vices, and then to have entered *England*, and thereto made Repriſals ſufficiently to indemnifie our ſelves for all the Wrongs, Injuries, Injuſtice, Robberies and Spoils they have done, and made from Time to Time upon poor *Scotland*, for ſome Hundreds of Years together, which would have brought Praiſe and Fame with it, whereas the other Courſe and Practice brings Shame Diſgrace and Ignominy, which cannot be eaſily wiped off.

8*thly*, We aſſert the free Independency of *Scotland*, and reſent the horrid Injury done to her by our hereditary Enemies the *Engliſh*, in leading *Scotſmen* Priſoners to *England*, (be their Crimes what they will) and there, judging, condemning and Executing them as they have done ever ſince the wicked and accurſed Union, when we have juſter and better Laws (if duely put in Execution,) to try and puniſh Criminals in our own Land, than they have or can pretend to; and it is notourly known that theſe *Engliſh* Judges acted rather as raging Enemies in judging and giving Sentence, than upright Men upon a Bench, and their admitting and ſuſtaining villanous wicked Perſons to be Witneſ-

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ſes in their Trials, Men void of Truth or Honeſty, being the very Scum and Garbage of *Scotland*, as their Jury were picked out of Jail-birds and other Vermine, the very Scum of *England*; ſo the poor Creatures were cheated out of their Lives, and rather killed as *Scots*, than as Criminals; and altho' many of them deſerved Death for their other Crimes and Wickedneſs, and therefore juſt in the ſight of GOD; yet it being for none of theſe Crimes that they are put to Death by them: Therefore it follows, that the falſe Witneſſes, the wicked Jury, and unjuſt Judges, and eſpecially the idolatrous Occupant upon the Throne, are guilty of Murther and Bloodſhed, when he Heavendaringly preſumes to pardon all Sorts of horrid and capital Crimes, and Treaſon againſt the Majeſty of Heaven and Earth, which no Mortal has Right to do, under the Pain of Damnation, and yet puts Men to Death for Tteaſon againſt himſelf, which he only and alone hath Power to Pardon.

9*thly*, We teſtify againſt that fearful mocking of GOD, in pretending to the making of Laws againſt Swearing and Curſing, and yet puts none of them in Execution, againſt no Sort of Perſons whatſoever, who are guilty in a moſt grievous Manner; and in Particular, their Armies, who ſurpaſſes all the Armies and People of the Earth in this Vice; and all by the Encouragement and Example of their profane Duke, who is reckoned the moſt bloody and blaſphemous Swearer in *Britain*, as he is the Chief and Pattern of all other horrible Vices and Crimes and ſo deſerves the higheſt Puniſhment, yet he and his moſt wicked and profane Army, not only eſcapes Puniſhment (which they richly deſerve) but are careſſed and rewarded, and encouraged by the profane State, and flattered by the *Antichriſtian* and *Laodicean* Churches, which cannot fail, but to bring the tremenduous Wrath of a holy and a jealous GOD upon a Land of ſuch Abominations and Wickedneſs as this.

10*thly*, Finally, we teſtify and declare againſt all the Errors of *Popery*, *Prelacy* and *Eraſtianiſm*, and the

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Sectaries; and againſt all their Male-practices, the Wrong and Injuries that they have done to the Work, Cauſe, and People of GOD, both of old and of late, in theſe Lands, and againſt that wicked and *Sectarian* Error, ſpread and propagated with violent Paſſion, that Dominion is founded upon mere Nature, excluſive of Grace, and the Word and Law of GOD given by Grace to the Church, and to Mankind, to be the Square Rule and Rectitude, to erect and ſet up his Ordinances in Church and State. When the Inſtitution as well as the Qualifications of Magiſtrates are ſo clearly revealed and fully expreſſed therein. And it is certain, That when the Fall of *Adam* commenced, if no Mediator had been provided nor interveened, the World and all Nature now wholly corrupted, had been deſtroyed, by Virtue of the Threatning for the Breach of the firſt Covenant, but the ſecond Covenant taking Place, which is of Grace in the Hand of CHRIST the Mediatot between GOD and Man: And therefore it follows, that the World ſubſiſts and is ſuſtained by Grace, and is governed by the Grace of his Providence; and the Angels that ſtood, are confirmed by Grace, and all that we receive, or enjoy, or are promiſed to be poſſeſſed of is of Grace; and therefore the holy Ordinance of Magiſtracy is founded on Grace (and not on corrupt Nature) external Grace we mean *(viz.)* Scripture-qualifications plainly expreſſed in the Word of GOD, as well as the Inſtitution, as ſaid is: And it is ſtrange, that the Mediator GOD Man, ſhould be appointed to judge the World, and yet have no concern to rule and govern the ſame, as theſe *Sectaries* dream: But we aver, with *Prov.* viii. Chap. and many other Scriptures that our exalted Prince and Saviour is Head over all Principalities and Powers, as well as of the Church: And is King of Nations, as well as King of Saints, and is KING of Kings, and LORD of Lords, as well as King in *Zion*, and hath *the Government upon his Shoulders, and all Powers in Heaven and in Earth is committed to him, even becauſe he is the Son of Man,*

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and is GOD equal with the FATHER in Power and Glory. Now, to close up all, we would counsel and advise you, both Parties of Malignants, to lay aside your prejudice and Malice against the Cause and People of God; and you old Malignants, lay aside your Idol of Hereditary Right, which is the Ground and Basis of all Tyrrany. And you Revolution Malignants, lay aside your Parliament Right, which is built upon Usurpation and Oppression; and take on both of you with Scripture-right, which only is permanent, and will abide Test and Trial in the Day of Accounts; and upon your Repentance and Reformation, we invite you both to join Issue and Interst, Heart and Hand with us, to erect and set up, maintain and defend, a pure, holy, Christian, Protestant, Presbyterian Magistracy, who will be a Terror and Punisher of Evil-doers, and a Supporter and Encourager of those that do well: But if any, or both of you, should disdain or reject this good Counsel (as we fear ye will) then be it known unto you, that it will be Bitterness in the latter End to you all, and your Enterprises shall not prosper, so as to bring Peace to these Lands, or to your own Consciences in a Dying-hour; and the Cause and Course that you both maintain and carry on, with so high a Hand at present, will be found to be fighting against God, kicking against the Pricks, and running upon the thick Bosses of his Buckler, which will certainly procure the heavy Wrath of the everlasting GOD upon your Persons, Families, and Estates, and that speedily, except ye repent.

We shall make one brief Observation more, which is obvious to all that will see, that since the pretended Deliverance from the Highland Army and the expected Reformation, that was to follow thereupon, the quite contrary appears: For all manner of Sin, Iniquity and Abomination, are ten Times encreased and on the growing Hand; the hellish, Pagan, Juggler Plays, are set up and frequented with more Impudence and Audacity than ever, altho near twelve Months before they durst not one of them be seen here, and more

contempt of GOD, and blaſpheming his holy Name, more boaſting and leaning to the Arm of Fleſh, and more numerous, open and bare-faced are Baudy-houſes kept and haunted without controul or Puniſhment than ever before, and idle, Helliſh, drunken Clubs are ſet up and frequented even by ſome Miniſters, to the Diſgrace and Shame of their Office and Calling and juſt Contempt of their Perſons; and more Security, Pride, and Cruelty, Inhumanity, and Lying, and Flattering than before; and add to all theſe Wickedneſſes, beſides the robbing, ſtealing, plundering, butchering and blaſpheming of the Red-coat Army already mentioned, their polluting and defiling the whole Land wherever they come, with their abominable Whoredoms and other Uncleanneſſes, by not only enticing Maids and Matrons to their curſed Luſt, but committing by Force, horrible Rapes upon many Women through the Land, and ſome dying amongſt their Hands, and others expiring ſoon after the Abuſe they receive, and others loſe their Wits and Senſes for Grief and Horrour of the Injury done to them; and all this, and many more unparalelled Abominations are committed by theſe Monſters of Men the Red-coats, and that without any Check, Controul or Puniſhment. Theſe are the Fruits of our boaſted of Deliverance, which cannot but fill up the Meaſure of our Cup, and provock an angry GOD to haſten his righteous Judgments, that whoſoever heareth it, both his Ears ſhall tingle.

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Let King JESUS reign, and let all his Enemies be ſcattered. *Amen.*

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A DECLARATION and TESTIMONY againſt that ſinful Practice of the obſervation of Birth Days, for any Rulers, and eſpecially that of the *Britiſh* Occupant, on *October* 30th, &c.

AMONGST the many great and grievous Sins and Snares of the Day, and Defection of the Land, that wicked and Antichriſtian Practice, the Obſervation of the Nativity or Birth-Day of prophane Uſurpers, the ſo called Kings and Rulers of theſe Lands, are not the leaſt; a Practice ſo void and deſtitute of all Scripture-Warrant, or imitable Example amongſt well governed Kingdoms, or Common-wealths, of pure and right conſtitute Churches, that 'tis ſtrange that any profeſſing true Chriſtianity ſhould be found guilty of keeping up ſo childiſh, fooliſh and ſinful a Cuſtom, which is purely *Pagan*, both in the Invention and Practice thereof, it being amongſt their Idolatrous Revels, and Service done to *Bacchus*, and blind Obedience and ſuperſtitious Devotion paid to their Heroes and Princes, whom they often Deified and worſhipped upon ſuch Days, not only with civil, but religious Adoration, which might be a Mean to deter any true Chriſtian from ſuch ſcandalous and ſinful Courſes, flowing from ſo bad a Fountain and corrupt Original; ſeeing we are ſtrictly forbidden in the Divine Word, to imitate, in any Sort, the prophane *Heathens* in their ſinful Cuſtoms, Ways and Practices: But if any ſhould be ſo mad and void of all Shame and Modeſty as to alledge for their Ground the Example of the *Pagan Egyptian Pharaohs*, the firſt Perſecutor of the Church, or the Practice of *Herod* an Apoſtate from the Church, who murdered the fore-runner of CHRIST on his unhappy Birth-Day. I ſay, if they ſo do, they had far better renounce the Name, as well they have done

done the Practice of Christianity, and inroll themselves with the *Pagan* Idolaters, seeing they so willingly and wickedly follow their Example and Pattern; for other warrantable Grounds they have none.

'Tis truely surprising, that this Laodicean Church, nor none of its Branches issuing out or seceeding from them; hath not at any Time nor in any Way testified against, nor shewn their dislike at so extravagant and antiscriptural a Practice, but rather encourages it, concurs with, Homologates and joins in the same abominable sinful Course and Custom, with the Loose and prophane, to their great Shame and Disgrace: Besides the Way and Manner of observing these Birth-Days, is detestable and ought to be abhored by all sober Christians, as their spending so much precious Time in the Height of Madness, revelling, and sinful rejoicing for a Thing of nought, Idleness, Drunkeness, and all Manner of Prophanity and Debauchries, as also the needless Waste and Profusion of many of the Necessaries of Life, with the unaccountable Superfluity of Lights and Illuminations upon Windows, *&c.* All which would be far better bestowed upon charitable Uses, when the Cry and Necessity of the poor and needy are so great and clamant, *&c.* But to have all that Heathenish Distractions in the middle, or just at the Time of celebrating the Holy Sacrament of the LORD's Supper, is most dreadful, and has scarce a Parallel any where but in *Edinburgh*; and adds greatly to the Guilt of the other Abuses, and to them that commands, or allow it at such a Time, *&c.*

Now if all, or any Part of this extravagant Work; were done, to put Respect and Honour upon a good pious, and well deserving Prince, it might give some Colour of Excuse for such a Practice, altho' it would not even then become a Duty, nor on that Account, cease to be a Sin, seeing it wants the Divine Authority of a Command and Precept, or the imitable Example of any of the Godly Kings and Rulers, either in Old or New Testament for its Ground or Warrant; but on the other

ther Hand, to be guilty of ſo much Madneſs, Diſtraction, Waſte of Time and Means, fooliſh Rejoicings, and all the Wickedneſs and Debaucheries that follow thereupon, (as we hinted above) for a vile Perſon, ſo ill deſerving, as is the preſent *Britiſh* Occupant, is indeed moſt ſhocking, he being an implacable Enemy to all true Religion, and a Maintainer of a falſe, a Tyrant in Principle and Practice in murdering his Subjects, whom he ought to defend, by pardoning their Murderers whom he ought to execute without reſpect of Perſons; ſo the Crime becomes his, and the Guilt thereof intailed upon him and his Poſterity. Alſo his horrid Oppreſſion by heavy Taxes, to maintain a Crew of Penſioners, Whores, Panders, and uſeleſs foreign Troops; his wicked Life of Whoredom, Gaming and Prophanation of the LORD's Day, in many Reſpects; but eſpecially making and commanding the reading of bloody and barbarous Acts on the Holy Sabbath, and for a whole Year together, in contempt of all Religion and Morality itſelf, and uſurping the Supremacy of the Son of GOD, that is the alone King, Head and Lawgiver to his Church, *&c.* And keeping the Iron Yoke of Patronages on the Church's Neck, and making other wicked Laws, Oaths, and Snares to the Conſciences, and executing them with Rigour; as alſo his authoriſing and patroniſing the keeping and obſerving his own unhappy Birth day, who was born a Plague and a Scourge to theſe Lands for our Sins: And all the Lovers of Truth and Liberty, have Cauſe to mourn and lament on the 30*th* of *October*, rather than to rejoice, at our Miſery, Calamity and the preſent and impendent Judgments, *&c.*

Finally, Upon all which Grounds and Reaſons, and many more that might be adduced, we as Men and Chriſtians, do teſtify and declare againſt the keeping and obſerving the Nativity and Birth-Days of any Rulers whatſoever, and eſpecially that of the Occupant upon the Throne of *Britain*, as being a prophane, ſuperſtitious, wicked *Pagan* Rite and Cuſtom, and the Cauſe and Occaſion of much Looſneſs, Sin and Wickedneſs,

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as ſaid is. We likewiſe bear Teſtimony againſt all the other Defections, Heaven-daring Wickedneſs, Prophanity, Perjury and Blood, that theſe Lands are guilty of, and lying under; for which we may expect ſuch tremenduous Judgments to be poured out for the ſame, that whoſoever heareth it, both his Ears ſhall tingle.

J. H.

Let King JESUS Reign, and let all his Enemies be ſcattered, Amen.

Edinburgh, October, 26th, 1741.

An ACCOUNT of BURNING the ABJURATION-OATH, and ſome ACTS authoriſing and impoſing the Same, &c.

FORASMUCH as this Oath, called the Oath of Abjuration, doth virtually abjure the Solemn League and Covenant, in their ſwearing to maintain and admit of ſuch only, as do oppoſe the ſaid Covenant, and Work of Reformation, that theſe Lands are obliged unto, in the ſwearing to oppoſe all, but ſuch as ſhall be ſworn to extirpate without Reſpect of Perſons: Alſo this wicked Oath, being inconſiſtent with the holy Scriptures, with our national Covenant, with our pure *Presbyterian* Principles, and the laudable Laws of this Land, betwixt 1638 and 1650, and yet, is this Day taken by many perjured Men, that call themſelves *Presbyterian* Miniſters.

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We do therefore, in Teſtimony of our Abhorrence of the ſaid Oath, and in Contempt of the like Indignity, done of Old to the Covenant in this bloody City, burn the ſaid Oath of Abjuration, with the Acts enjoining the ſame, and this we do in the Name of all, who will own and approve the Fact, with the Reaſons expreſſed or implied herein, which all the Land ſhould do in a more judicial and publick Manner.

At the Croſs of *Edinburgh* this 28 Day of *October* 1712.

WHILE the ſaid Oath and Acts were burning on the Point of a Dagger at the Croſs, and going up the high Street, theſe Words following were proclaimed with a loud Voice, *viz.*

Let King JESUS *reign, and all his Enemies be ſcattered, no Abjuration-Oath, no Oath but the Covenant's; down with* Popery, Prelacy *and* Eraſtianiſm, *and up with true* Presbytery *and the* Covenants.

J. H.

A PREDICTION of the Eminent and Famous Mr. *ROBERT McWARD* Miniſter of the GOSPEL.

THUS he begins, O *Britain!* O *Scotland!* bold unto and bent to Backſliding, the Wrath of GOD, and thy Woe ſeem to be upon the Wing! And alas, I am afraid that this crowning and crimſon Wickedneſs: The LORD GOD Almighty is making a Way to his Anger, and preparing the Nation for a Sacrifice to expiate, in the Sight of the World, our Perjury

jury, Defection and Heaven-daring Abominations and Provocations. Alas? I am afraid that the Sword of the LORD, which is near to be drawn, will avenge the Quarrel of his Covenant, that the Contributors, as well as the ſtated Party of Contrivers, Decreers and cruel Executors of theſe Decreers, may fall under the Blow of the furbiſhed Sword of the LORD GOD, and that Land of ſuch Abominations may be ſwept of its Inhabitants, with the Beſom of Deſtruction, and ſocked with the Blood of thoſe, who inſtead of contending for CHRIST, have by this Payment of Ceſs aſſociate with his ſtated, his declared and implacable Enemies, whoſe rage is come up before him, and will bring him down to take Revenge. Alas, my Fears, my Fears are multiplied upon me, that this War ſhall not only at laſt land in *Britain*, but that he hath been all this while training up a Militia abroad, breeding them in Blood, and teaching them how to be ſkilful to deſtroy againſt the Time; he gave orders to march and put the flaming Sword in their Hand to be bathed in the Blood of backſliding *Britain*; O! if our Turning unto him, that he might turn away from his Fierceneſs of his Anger, might prevent that woful Day; but ſince, inſtead of any turning unto him, we ſurpaſs the Deeds of the Heathen, and out do in Wickedneſs all that went before us, and proceed with a Petulancy reaching unto Heaven from Evil to worſe; I am afraid that all the Blood-ſhed ſince the Sword was drawn in the Nations about, all the ſacked Cities, all the burnt Drops and Villages, all the waſted Countries, all the Slain of the LORD by Sea and Land, all the Pillagings, Rapes Murders, Out-rages (which Rage itſelf could hardly out-do) all the horrid and inhumane Cruelties that have been committed during this bloody War (wherein the Sea hath been dyed, and the Land as it were drowned with the Blood of the Slain) all the truculent and treacherous Murders of that Monſter *De-Alva* in the Low Countries, all the incredible Cruelties of the *Guiſes*, and the Blood ſhed in the Maſſacres of *France*;

France; all the Tortures that the People of the LORD have been put to in the Vallies of *Piedmont* by that little fierce Tyger the Duke of *Savoy*; all the Savages and barbarous Butcheries of the *Iriſh* Maſſacres ſhall be forgotten, or ſeem Things not to be mentioned in one Day, when what ſhall be done in *Britain* comes to be remembred. O *Britain!* O *Britain!* of all Nations under the Cope of Heaven, moſt ripe for the Sickle of Vengeance. ſhall this Throne of Iniquity which hath framed ſo many Miſchiefs into Laws, and all that are Complices, in this wicked Conſpiracy who now are gathering themſelves together againſt the Souls of the Righteous, and condemning the innocent Blood; be able to ſave its Subjects, when he comes to make Inquiſition for that Blood? Or ſhall the Sovereign's Calling in all from 60 to 16, be able to ſupport the Throne. Alas! in vain ſhall they offer to draw up, and draw the Sword to defend, when the LORD GOD of Hoſts draws his Sword, to accompliſh upon them, the Vengeance written and wrapped up in theſe Words, *He ſhall bring upon them their own Iniquity, and ſhall cut them off in their own Wickedneſs; yea, the* LORD *our* GOD *ſhall cut them off.* And it ſhall come to paſs, in that Day, eſcape, who will, profane and profeſſing Gentlemen and others, who in this have complyed with the Rulers, ſhall not eſcape: Then ſhall they pay for this Payment of the wicked Ceſs; when the Storm of his Diſpleaſure ſhall be obſerved to fall particularly upon their Houſes, Intereſts and Eſtates. Who can think upon the Wickedneſs with juſt Aggravations, and imagine the righteous LORD will proportion his Judgment to the Hainouſneſs of our Guilt, and his Revenges to the Rage whereby he and his CHRIST hath been and are oppoſed and take other Meaſures.

Thus far the Great M'WARD.

A DECLARATION and TESTIMONY againſt, and INHIBITION of the Faſt for Hell, proclaimed and appointed by the ſacrilegious and malignant Powers, to be obſerved on the 9th of *January* 1740, by all the Prelatical and Eraſtian Synagogues in *Britain*, &c.

IF ever there was a Time wherein the LORD called for faſting and mourning, and girding with Sackcloath, and lying low in the Duſt before him, and renting the Heart and not the Garment, and taking Shame and Confuſion of Face to ourſelves, for all our Heaven-daring Abominations and Perjuries, this is the Day and Time, a Day of Trial and treading down of the Work of GOD, *A Day of Perplexity from the LORD of Hoſts, in the Valley of Viſion*, a Day of Famine of the Word of Life; a Day when the Flood-gates are opened to all Errors and unparallelled Wickedneſs, overflowing the whole Land, from one End to the other; ſo that there is no Place clean.

In ſuch a lamentable Caſe as this, 'tis high Time to awake from Sleep and Security, and to humble ourſelves under his mighty Hand, and to take with us Words, and return again to him from whom we have departed, and againſt whom we have ſinned, and to ſanctify a Faſt, and call a ſolemn Aſſembly, and gather the Elders, and all the Inhabitants of the Land to weeping and wailing, and to tremble before him, if ſo be there may be Hope; for the Day of the fierce Anger of the LORD of Hoſts approacheth, 'tis nigh at Hand, &c.

But

But it muſt be ſuch a Faſt as he hath choſen, and will approve of and not to ſmite with the Fiſt of Wickedneſs, nor to pray for Succeſs to one Limb of *Antichriſt*, over another Limb of the ſame Body, the Fruit and Effect of which, would be a further Deſtruction of, and bearing down the Work and Cauſe of GOD in theſe Lands, and a ſettling themſelves upon their Lees, and ſwelling in their Pride and Perjury, *&c.*

Since ever the glorious and exalted Mediator's Crown, Rights and Royal Dignities, his Supremacy in, and over his Church, which is his Body, were invaded and incroached upon by his malignant Enemies, their wanted not Witneſſes to, and Contenders for that great and precious Truth of CHRIST's Kingly Office, and the Church of *Scotland* (above all others) in a ſpecial Manner, had that ſupereminent Truth bequeathed to her, as her Legacy, and reſiſted unto Blood, ſtriving againſt Sin, and loved not their Lives unto the Death, that CHRIST'S Crown might flouriſh upon h's Head, according to the Gift of the Father; and ſtrenuouſly withſtood and oppoſed all the ſacraligious Robbers, and Uſurpers of his juſt Power and Prerogative as King in *Zion*, and undoubted and uncontrollable Law-giver in his Church, and ſpared neither Blood nor Treaſure, that they might tranſmit and hand down to Poſterity, that Truth and Teſtimony to be embraced, maintained, and contended for till CHRIST'S ſecond Coming in Glory to judge the Quick and the Dead, *&c.*

But ſince the unhappy Revolution, this unhappy Church hath not only yielded to, and tamely ſubmitted to all the Invaſions and Incroachments made upon the Royal Supremacy of JESUS CHRIST by the former and preſent malignant Uſurpers thereof, and the holy Ordinance of Magiſtracy, but often-times hath thruſt it upon theſe Miſrulers, when they were neither ſeeking not deſiring it of them, as appears in the preſent Juncture anent this unhallowed Faſt, as well as in former Times on the like Occaſions.

If theſe demented Men called Miniſters, had the leaſt

leaſt Senſe of Sin and Duty, or knew the right Qualities of a Faſt with the Juſt and proper Cauſes thereof, and as the Exigencies of the Times, and the Height and Hainouſneſs of our Sins require, theſe and the like Cauſes of Wrath would be the Matter of their Humiliation.

1*ſt*, The National Sins, or theſe of publick Judgment and Profeſſion.

2*d*, Theſe of Life and Practice, either conniving at Sin, or liking or allowing thereof.

Firſt, Briefly, Theſe Sins are Cauſes of deep Humiliation; the owning and maintaining of a falſe and corrupt Magiſtracy, as the Fountain from whence all our Woes and Miſeries do proceed, and was the Cauſe and Occaſion of the publick Reſolutions of State and Church, for bringing in the malignant Party to Places of Power and Truſt, the bitter Fruits of which Sin remains to this Day.

2*dly*, The overturning the Work of Reformation in the Year 1660, and moſt wickedly aſſuming the Supremacy of our Lord JESUS CHRIST, from whence flowed all the Tyranny, Murders and Perſecutions of the LORD'S People; Breach of Covenants, Indulgence, Toleration, and perjurious Oaths, everſive of theſe Covenants during the late tyrannical Reigns.

3*dly*, The Supremacy continued and exerciſed at the Revolution, in ſettling the Church upon an *Eraſtian* Foundation, according to the Inclinations of a corrupt People, and the wicked *Formula*, together with the Oaths of Allegiance, and Aſſurance, the black Oath of Abjuration, the curſed Union with idolatrous *England*, with its Train of Evils and Miſeries, with all the mock Faſts ſince the Revolution, with other horrid Crimes, and Provocations too long here to relate; are Matters of Grief, Lamentation, Mourning and Wo.

Secondly, The Sins of Life and Practice are,

1*ſt*, *Atheiſm*, either denying of all, or ſome one of the Perſons of the bleſſed Trinity, or living as if there were no GOD to judge and puniſh them.

2*dly*,

2*dly*, Idolatry, in ſetting up, and conniving at Maſs-Houſes, and Stage-plays, and other falſe Worſhip, contrary to the Word of GOD, and to the Letter of their own Law.

3*dly*, Unheard of curſing and ſwearing amongſt all Ranks, for which the Land mourneth, and the pleaſant Places thereof will be deſolate.

4*thly*, Notorious Sabbath-breaking, by Idleneſs, Drunkenneſs, and Gaming, and other ſinful Ways, whereby a jealous GOD is provoked to fierce Wrath, and will in due Time pour it out upon the Land of ſuch Abominations as theſe.

5*thly*, Rebellion againſt GOD and the holy Ordinance of Magiſtracy and Miniſtry, taking the Shadow for the Subſtance, and yielding an implicite Faith, and blind Obedience to the preſent Occupants in State and Church.

6*thly*, Not only the innocent Blood of the LORD's People of old, not yet purged away, by the Blood of them that ſhed it; but alſo many Murders committed in all Corners of the Land, by the bloody Military and others, and eſpecially the Maſſacre in *Edinburgh*, in 1736, by wicked *Porteous*, the Cry of which innocent Blood reacheth into Heaven, calling for Vengeance upon the Authors and Abettors thereof.

7*thly*, The almoſt univerſal Sin of Adultery and other Uncleanneſſes, from the Throne to the Dunghill, even many Miniſters and Elders not accepted.

8*thly*, Theft and Robbery, Oppreſſion and grinding the Faces of the Poor, together with heavy Taxes to maintain a Crew of Villains and Panders for Hell.

9*thly*, Monſtrous lying, defrauding, falſe ſwearing in Witneſs-bearing, keeping back the Wages of the Hireling, and many other Sins of the like Nature are Cauſes of heavy Lamentation.

10*thly*, The Sin of Covetouſneſs which is Idolatry, and Hipocriſy, Formality, Self-ſeeking, Pride and deep Security under the Wrath-like Diſpenſation of the Day: To which may be added, the horrid Juggling

gling, and abſurd Principles, and pernicious Practices of the Seceding falſe Brethren, and their mad and blind Loyalty to the blackeſt and bloodieſt Throne upon the Earth. Theſe and many other hainous Sins, and Tranſgreſſions are weighty Cauſes of Faſting and Humiliation; yet all, or moſt of theſe Grounds and Cauſes are deſignedly omited in their unhallowed and mock Faſt, and the main and only Cauſe in their Eraſtian Faſt is, for Succeſs to the moſt wicked and flagitious Army and Navy that's within the whole Univerſe, and this War is not againſt *Spain* as it is Idolatrous, (which would be a juſt Cauſe of War,) no, for *Spain* was their good Alley before, 'tis only againſt *Spain* for diſturbing their Trade, (which is their God) and for chaſtizing the Robbers of their Plantations, THEREFORE the War on ſuch Grounds is unlawful and unneceſſary, and ſo conſequently their Faſt on that Account with its Cauſes are ſo too, and therefore will procure a Curſe inſtead of a Bleſſing upon their Councils and Armies by Sea and Land, for GOD will not be mocked, but will be avenged on all them that take his Name in vain.

To conclude ſeeing, this wicked and ſinful Faſt is deſtitute of all the good Qualities of a true, lawful and neceſſary Faſt, and comes directly from the corrupt Fountain of the malignant Court, and the Antichriſtian Knights of the Black-Order, the Biſhops of *England*, by virtue of the uſurped Supremacy, and their gaudy Manner of proclaiming the ſame by ſound of Trumpet, and it having none of the weighty Cauſes of Faſting for which the LORD contends this Day with theſe Lands, as the Matter thereof, but ſtuffed with the falſe frivolous and fooliſh Cauſes, being neither weighty nor worthy, and which will rather provoke than appeaſe an angry GOD, the Obſervation whereof is a Cauſe of Faſting and Humiliation.

Upon all which Gronnds and Reaſons, and many more that might be added, we utterly renounce and diſclaim this Faſt on *January* 9th, as above, and Teſ-

tifies

ſifies and declares againſt the ſame, as a ſinful and Wrath-procuring Faſt: Yea, we inhibite and diſcharge all the Inhabitants of theſe three Lands from the Obſervation thereof, as they would avoid the Diſpleaſure of Almighty GOD, and anſwer the Contrair at their utmoſt Peril.

Given at the Capital, on *January* 9th 1740, by the Lovers and Friends of Truth and Liberty.

On the Second of *January*, this Declaration was publiſhed on the Croſs of *Edinburgh*, and on the 5th thereof on the High-Church there, and the Pier of *Leith*.

J. H.

P. S, As we have at diverſe Times, and at ſeveral Occaſions, teſtified and declared againſt all the Heaven-daring Wickedneſſes, Defections and Abominations that theſe Lands are guilty of, and continuing in: And eſpecially againſt their horrible Conjunction, ſinful Confederacy, and helliſh Aſſociation: With the avowed, declared, and implacable Enemies of our *Lord JESUS CHRIST*, and his righteous Cauſe, (*viz*) The abominable, bloody, ravenous, tearing and devouring *German* Eagle, or the Houſe of *Auſtria*; and the violent, virulent, rampant and deſtroying Tyger of *Savoy*. And now, to fill up their Meaſure, and to compleat their Wickedneſs, they have made a ſinful, ſhameful, and ſcandalous Peace with *France* and *Spain*, other two raging bloody Vultures, and Limbs of *Antichriſt*; and as Pledges of their Faith to keep and maintain that deteſtable and deſtructive Peace, they have ſent Hoſtages in a ſhameful Manner to a faithleſs Nation, who never keeped Faith to GOD nor Man; and

and they, as the Head, diſdains to ſend any to *Britain*, who is now become the Tail, and a Laughing-ſtock to all the Nations round about for Perfidy, *&c.*

And to crown all, as if all the Waſte of Blood by Sea and Land, and the Subſtance of the Nation ſpent to maintain an uſeleſs, ſinful and deſtroying War, and to bribe and buy a ſcandalous Peace, were not enough to fill up the Cup of their Iniquity; but they muſt, in a fearful Manner, mock GOD, by appointing and proclaiming a Thankſgiving Day for that wicked and ſhameful Peace with the Slaves and Vaſſals of *Satan* and the *Pope*, *&c.*

So we, as Men and Chriſtians, do deteſt, abhore, teſtify and declare againſt the Obſervation of that ſinful and mock Thankſgiving on *April* 25th, 1749, for the black and diſmal Grounds and Ends 'tis appointed for, and the corrupt Fountain it flows from, (*viz.*) the wickedly uſurped Supremacy: And as often before, againſt all Sorts of Defections, Invaſions and Incroachments made upon the Crown and dignity of our Lord JESUS CHRIST, who is King and Head of his Church, and Rules and Governs the World as Mediator, and will judge and condemn his Enemies, and will break them that will not bow to his Scepter, *Amen.*

Let King JESUS Reign, and all his Enemies be ſcattered. Amen.

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